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In re application of: Yixin Wang

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For: Colorectal Cancer Prognostics

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to office action dated December 30, 2005 Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-12, 14-16, and 33 drawn to methods for assessing colorectal cancer. The Examiner has also requested that Applicant further select a single portfolio of nucleic acid sequences from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 6-28. Applicant selects SEQ ID NOs: 6-28 with traverse. The claims do not require a single portfolio but rather, "a combination of genes selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 7-13." Therefore, applicant selects SEQ ID NOs: 7-13 for examination purposes with the caveat that the entire portfolio is not necessary to practice the invention.

Please charge any fees in connection with this Request to Deposit Account No. 10-0750/VDX5002 CIP/SKL. Applicant also requests a 4 month extension of time.

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